

5,054,055 TONS OF U. S. SHIPS BUILT

Piez in His Report Shows the Work of Emergency Corporation in 1918.

REPLIES TO CRITICISMS

Construction of Troop Boats Not Completed Under Programme, He Says.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Charles Piez, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, presented figures to the Senate Commerce Committee of the actual ship construction in the United States for the calendar year 1918 totaling 5,054,055 deadweight tons, just 945,045 tons less than the optimistic goal set by Chairman Hurley at the beginning of the year.

These figures, Mr. Piez explained, did not represent deliveries, but the total of ship construction including work done on incomplete vessels. He said Chairman Hurley's statement of 6,000,000 tons for the year was not an estimate of accomplishment, but the goal the ship-building organization hoped to reach.

Review of Work.

Director-general Piez appeared in answer to a resolution by Senator Nelson, at the same time he replied to newspaper statements attacking the progress of the Shipping Board. In a formal statement he reviewed completely the accomplishments of the Emergency Fleet Corporation up to date, giving detailed figures on construction up to December 31. The published statements were read in the Nelson resolution and were printed several weeks ago.

In reply to the statement that not a single troopship had been turned out on shipping board order, Mr. Piez said that troopships were not contemplated in the original building programme, because the War Department was of opinion that there was sufficient available tonnage with German and British passenger ships. It was not until the spring of last year, he said, that the War Department called for troopships and that contracts were then immediately let, but they had to be placed in new yards, because the old yards were full with orders.

Mr. Piez gave the actual output of vessels for the year in the following figures: Four hundred and ten steel vessels of 1,179,077 deadweight tons, 10 composite ships of 25,500 tons, 106 wood ships of 274,400 tons, a total of 326 vessels of 1,583,977 tons. In addition 14 ships contracted for in Japanese yards were delivered with an aggregate tonnage of 115,606 deadweight tons, making a grand total of 540 ships of 2,103,883 tons.

Work on Deliveries.

"The deliveries," Mr. Piez said, "are not a fair measure of the year's work of the corporation. The early months of the corporation's activities were devoted largely to shipyard construction and the year 1917 ended with deliveries of forty-nine vessels of 301,809 deadweight tons, fifty-seven vessels of 403,192 deadweight tons had been launched and not delivered; 281 keels of vessels having 1,908,735 deadweight tons were laid. Little or no work, however, was done beyond the actual laying of keels. Neither had vessels that were launched reached the same stage of completion as the vessels now in the water. It was but fair in determining the actual accomplishment of the Emergency Fleet Corporation for the year 1918 to ascertain not only the deliveries for 1917 but an inventory of the progress of work under way but not yet delivered expressed in terms of the completed ship."

Mr. Piez attacked frequent statements that many of the ships requisitioned

ships, and called attention to the fact that many of the ships requisitioned were in the early stages of construction and had to be completed by the Fleet Corporation representing real construction.

YORKSHIRE MINERS WIN STRIKE QUICKLY

Million of Other British Workers Make Demands.

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LONDON, Jan. 23.—The strike of the 147,000 Yorkshire coal miners who quit work to-day when the owners refused to meet their demands was settled late today by the Coal Controller, who agreed to concede the twenty minutes "dead time" for meals while the mines are under government control. The men are to resume work to-morrow.

The National Federation of General Workers, representing nearly a million men and women, at a meeting to-day resolved to demand a forty-hour working week.

AIR TRAFFIC RULES COME NEXT

International Commission Soon to Hear Views of Experts.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The International Air Commission will meet in Paris shortly to settle the big problems connected with the aerial traffic of the world. Technical experts of the various Powers now are engaged on plans to be submitted to the commission. The British scheme, according to the Paris edition of the London Daily Mail, is ready.

GLASS WILL NOT WAIT ON NEW REVENUE ACT

Approval of President to Be Anticipated by Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Secretary of the Treasury Glass said to-day that the Treasury had made all plans for collecting taxes on the understanding that the revenue bill would be enacted by February 1, but that reports had come to him that it might be much longer before it was completed.

Open to Ship Offers.

"Then public notice should be given in all parts of the United States as well as on the lakes and in our central States, that applications will be entertained from corporations headed by men of character and standing in the community that the government will be glad to receive offers for these ships on a basis of payment of from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent. in cash, the balance to be paid in half yearly installments extending over a period of from five to seven years, payable in notes due every six months and secured by a mortgage over the ship."

French Honor U. S. Oil Man.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—J. H. Hoff, the Paris representative of the Standard Oil Company, has been appointed a Knight of the Legion of Honor.

BIG DRIVE TO BOOM MERCHANT MARINE

Organization Completed to Conduct Nationwide Propaganda.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A permanent organization under the name of the National Merchant Marine Association to advocate the building and maintenance of a great American merchant marine was organized here to-day as an outgrowth of a two-day conference of shipping interests with officials having to do with the shipping business. All industrial elements were remotely interested in shipping are invited to join and to conduct a great nationwide propaganda for the cause.

All Industrial Elements Are Invited to Join Crusade for U. S. Bottoms.

The conference was decidedly in favor of private ownership and operation of the merchant shipping of the nation. It passed the following resolution: "It is the belief of this conference that only an American merchant marine developed under private enterprise will be permanently successful. Recognizing that many elements are involved in determining the basis upon which private interests may continue to build or take over for operation existing or contract tonnage; therefore be it declared:

Series of Conferences.

"That this conference and the resulting organization shall invite into a further series of conference representatives of all the interests directly related to the building and operation of an American merchant marine for the purpose of developing a plan and programme under which an American merchant marine can be practically and successfully established."

Custody of Sons Is Given to the Wife.

The cross suits for separation between the Rev. Leander B. Hall, pastor of the Claremont Park Congregational Church, The Bronx, and Mrs. Anna A. Hall, who is living in 2588 Cooper avenue, Ridge-wood, Queens, were terminated abruptly yesterday in the Supreme Court in Queens county when Justice Faber ordered judgment for the wife. The amount of the alimony and the custody of Herbert and Harold, the two young sons, are to be determined later. Justice Faber announced his decision at the end of a two-hour conference in his chambers with the attorneys and the principals.

Many of Mr. Hall's parishioners from The Bronx and members of the Beecher Memorial Church in Brooklyn, where he was once assistant pastor, were in court ready to testify and the minister was about to be called in cross-examination when the court announced its decision. Justice Faber placed in the record a sworn statement by Mrs. Hall to the effect that although she had accused her husband of unministerial conduct he had never behaved in an unwarranted manner toward her. A letter which Mr. Hall wrote his wife in September after they had separated was put in record.

Wins Separation From Pastor Hall

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